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To whom it may concern:

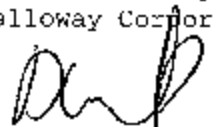
The following comments are being submitted in response to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposal of May 9, 2003 titled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Docket # 2002N-0278) which has been reopened until May 14, 2004.

Calloway Corporation is an Inflight Catering Kitchen located in Aruba serving American Airlines, Delta, US Airways, Continental, ATA, United to the United States on a daily basis.

We are extremely concerned about the potential effect of the Prior Notice regulations on the day-to-day operation of our catering. We, perhaps more than any other industry, understand the necessity to protect the U.S. from terrorist activity. We strongly support reasonable measures to ward off any bioterrorist threat to our food supply. However, **we do not understand the need** for alerting the Food and Drug Administration and/or the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) that there will be some leftover unopened cans of soda (most manufactured domestically) and unopened small bottles of liquor (to be held in bonded storage) on flights inbound to the U.S. and intended for use on later flights. There is no danger to the American public from this operation. Additionally, there is no possible way to determine at "wheels up" what will remain upon landing in the U.S.

Therefore, we ask that the final Prior Notice rule clearly exempt the beverages and liquor offered for sale or service aboard airlines. Such exemption will allow the Federal regulatory agencies to concentrate their efforts on the parts of the food supply that pose some real risk from international contamination and let our industry focus on safely and economically serving airline passengers.

Yours Sincerely,  
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